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Ballymahon,
Co Longford
21.11.19

Longford County Council,
Great Water St.,
Longford.

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I enclose a letter of submission to the Planning Dept. of Longford County Council re: the development of Ballymahon Town.

Yours Faithfully,

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Submission Re: Future Development of Ballymahon, Co Longford.

As a member of Ballymahon Town Team and Mens' Shed, Ballymahon, I wish to submit the following thoughts on the future development of the town.

- Ballymahon needs a state-of-the-art Community Centre. Possible locations are current Greenfield sites in and adjacent to the town, perhaps with links to the current facilities already in existence, e.g. soccer pitches. This project could become self-financing through time.
- Provision of a funeral home and ancillary services to cater for the Greater Ballymahon area i.e Moyvore, Ballymore, Tang, Tubberclaire, Kenagh and Newtowncashel. Currently people have to use Longford, Mullingar or Athlone. As population grows this will become more urgent.
- Access to the local Soccer Club facilities is at present a serious problem. It needs a wider access road and a possible one way system with separate entrance/exit points.
- Provision of a Cycle Path/Walkway from the Royal Canal at Brannigan to the Town. Landowners, on whose lands this path would be built are, at present, agreeable to this proposal. This will be a boost for local tourism, by directing people into the town.
- There is a scarcity of tourist accommodation in the local area. The provision of Grants to help people develop B&B properties would help alleviate this problem.
- Ballymahon needs a dedicated tourist office, possibly located in the local Library, to help grow the recent interest in the local area due to the increased number of visitors to the area, with the opening of Center Parcs.
- Ballymahon is ideally located for a Town Hub for start-up businesses such as Hot Desks and larger Commercial Units. A site is needed to enable entrepreneurs to develop their ideas and plans
- The current parking markings are incorrect. At present cars need to reverse to the middle of the road to exit. If the markings were angled properly, this would not arise.
- Finally, there is potential for growth in many business areas e.g. dry cleaners, bicycle hire /sales and repairs, storage units and many more.